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If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Mr. Wray through the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Public Hearing

The National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., local time on Thursday, January 20-21, 2000, at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 concerning Commercial Drivers License and Medical Certification. For more information, contact Barbara Czech, NTSB Office of Highway Safety at (202) 314-6169 or Lauren Peduzzi and Phil Frame, NTSB Office of Public Affairs at (202) 314-6100.

Individuals requesting specific accommodation should contact Mrs. Carolyn Dargan on 202-314-6305 by Friday, January 14, 2000.

Dated: January 11, 2000.

Rhonda Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-410]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-69 issued to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2 (NMP2) located in Scriba, Oswego County, New York.

The proposed amendment would revise the reactor vessel material coupon withdrawal schedule specified in Technical Specifications (TS) Table 4.4.6.1.3-1, entitled "Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program—Withdrawal Schedule." The current surveillance schedule requires the withdrawal of capsule number 1 at 10 effective full-power years (EFPY). The revised surveillance schedule requires the withdrawal of capsule number 1 at 8 EFPY. The existing TS 4.0.2 requires each surveillance requirement to be performed within the specified time interval with a maximum allowable extension not to exceed 25% of the surveillance interval. Thus, the revised surveillance schedule, together with the existing TS 4.0.2, will require the withdrawal of capsule number 1 between 8 EFPY and 10 EFPY (i.e., during the upcoming refueling outage Refueling No. 7 (RFO7), estimated at 8.7 EFPY).

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant

hazards consideration, which is presented below:

The operation of Nine Mile Point Unit 2, in accordance with the proposed amendment, will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

(1) The proposed change revises TS Table 4.4.6.1.3-1, titled "Reactor Vessel Material Surveillance Program—Withdrawal Schedule." The current reactor vessel material surveillance program schedules the withdrawal of capsule number 1 at 10 EFPY. The revised schedule would require withdrawal of capsule number 1 at 8 EFPY. Removal of the surveillance capsule in RFO7, for testing at an estimated 8.7 EFPY, satisfies the requirements of the NMP2 surveillance program. NMP2 satisfies the criteria in Section III.C of Appendix H to 10 CFR part 50 (integrated surveillance program). Compliance with the criteria of Section III.C ensures that the effect of neutron irradiation on the NMP2 reactor vessel beltline materials will be monitored throughout the life of the plant. Therefore, this change will not significantly increase the consequences of any previously evaluated accident. Since the reactor vessel surveillance specimen capsules and the results of analyses performed on the specimens contained therein are not assumed to be initiators of any design basis accident or transient, this change does not involve a significant increase in the probability of an accident previously evaluated.

The operation of Nine Mile Point Unit 2, in accordance with the proposed amendment, will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

(2) The proposed change does not introduce any new failure modes. Removal of the surveillance capsule in RFO7, for testing at an estimated 8.7 EFPY, satisfies the requirements of the NMP2 surveillance program. NMP2 satisfies the criteria in Section III.C of Appendix H (integrated surveillance program). Compliance with the Section III.C criteria ensures that the effect of neutron irradiation on the NMP2 reactor vessel beltline materials will be monitored throughout the life of the plant. Therefore, this proposed change would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The operation of Nine Mile Point Unit 2, in accordance with the proposed amendment, will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

(3) Removal of the surveillance capsule in RFO7 for testing at an estimated 8.7 EFPY, satisfies the requirements of the NMP2 surveillance program. NMP2 satisfies the criteria in Section III.C of Appendix H (integrated surveillance program). Compliance with the 10 CFR 50, Appendix H, Section III.C criteria ensures that the effect of neutron irradiation on the NMP2 reactor vessel beltline materials will be monitored throughout the life of the plant. Therefore, the proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this